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Something To Learn

The story is told of a group of elephant drivers in India who were building a house. They had dug holes in the ground and were using their fine strong elephants to place posts upright in them. Slowly, one elephant and then another, with a post across their tusks, would step up and with a twist of their heads slide the post with a "thud" into the holes. All was going well until one of the elephants refused, at his driver's command, to drop his log into the ground. The driver tapped him harder behind the ear. Still the log did not fall. In anger the Indian jumped to the ground and began to whip his animal, but even then the beast refused to let the post fall into place. One of the men standing by happened to look into the hole. He stooped over, reached into the ground and drew out three baby kittens in his hand.

It is only an animal story, which incidentally is true, but what a great message of love it tells.

I think we can learn a lesson from that old elephant. That is, to display our love to one another even if it should involve suffering, hardship or inconvenience. Romans 12:10 reads, "In honour preferring one another."

How easy it is to put ourselves and our interests first and let the other person fare for himself. God wants us to love and honor the believers.

This ability is certainly something we cannot create within ourselves. This is learned from hard experience. But, it is also learned that God can give us an attitude of grace and spirit of love toward others.

If our church, the Assemblies of God, has any characteristic which distinguishes it to the many curious onlookers, I trust it will be our love for each other.

"God grant us a revival of brotherly love!"

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Maj. James Robinson Risner is pictured on our cover this issue. You may read the story of this outstanding Christian pilot on pages 4 and 5.



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Tomorrow . . . Wonders ?



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We step through the open portals of a new year; we gaze with awe upon the vista of opportunities before us; perhaps we shrink from some fancied possible failure which frightens us, nevertheless, step into the new year we must.

What are you looking for in the new year? Will it be ever more inspiring ascents into faith, victories over sin, triumphs over selfishness? Or will it be the gloom of hopelessness, the black failure of sin, the disappoint-

ments of the self-centered existence? Sometimes the glittering history of former days seems to eclipse a golden present. Again we tend to forget what the future holds in almost undreamed possibilities. The man whose heart and mind is not married to the yesterdays is the one who gives hope to the days ahead.

The march of our vaunted civilization reveals some speedy advances in the material world. Joe Alex Morris, quoted in Readers Digest says,

"Americans who died in 1929 — just thirty years ago — had never heard of jet airplanes, the sound barrier, split-level style houses, Polaroid cameras, food freezers, guided missiles, radar, Dacron, bull-dozers, V-8 engines, electric typewriters, color TV, chlorophyll tooth paste, foam rubber, fiber glass, automatic transmissions, electric razors, the United Nations, frozen vegetables, the four-minute mile, formica, bubble gum or the atom bomb," and we might add satellites, rockets to the moon, and 101 other things that make our natural life ever more complex, exciting and sometimes frustrating. These are just a few of the wonders man has produced in his little world.

The tragedy is that some men lose sight of God in all this and arrogate to themselves and their kind, attributes that belong to God alone.

The divine Creator still "holds the whole world in His hands" and with but one word from Him man's boasted successes collapse before him.

How gratifying to contemplate that we serve the great Creator Himself; that He has delighted to reveal Himself to His believing creatures. Cried Jesus, "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst believe thou shouldst see the glory of God!"

Always before us we must retain the wonder of tomorrow, the tomorrow of hope, vision and success. Only as we believe shall we see God's wonders tomorrow. Doubters see nothing but disaster, blackness and gloom. Because the saint has his view of things eternal he is little distressed with today's advances or problems. His eyes have seen the glories of the Lord. All around him may beat life's storms. His eyes are on things eternal. He expects his God to move: to save, to heal, to fill, to break sins habit's hold, to teach him the path of victory while wilking in death's dark valley, to instruct him in the ways of spiritual worship, and to direct him in winning the lost. Will the New Year bring for you — "Tomorrow . . . Wonders?"

TO OUR READERS :

This is the January - February issue of Glad Tidings Magazine. Two issues have been combined and put into one. The reason for this is a situation which is beyond our control. Individual subscribers will have their subscriptions extended one month. We regret that such a move is necessary, but feel it is the solution to one of our problems. May this issue be a blessing to you.

The Editor.



FAITH OF A JET ACE

The True Story of
Maj. James Robinson Risner

It is early morning. The sun is rising over George Air Force Base on the California desert. In one of the dull gray buildings an officer kneels beside his desk. His prayer is offered with a tone of earnest sincerity in his voice. One by one he calls a list of men to his heavenly Father. He is their commanding officer. This morning they are going to fly, so he remembers each one in prayer.

Soon he stands to his feet and enters a large room where the pilots of the 34th Fighter Day Squadron have gathered. This is a group of the most highly trained and fully qualified men in the Air Force. They are known as a "double-trouble" squadron; equip-

ped to engage in atomic warfare.

After their "briefing" the men make their way to the room which houses their flight gear. They put on flight suits, strap on other necessary equipment, then with helmets in hand quickly make their way to the flight line.

The wind is sharp and cool. A row of graceful, yet deadly looking F104s are ready on the flight line. The high whine of their engines makes it impossible to hear any other sound. The men hastily climb up and into the cockpits. In a matter of minutes Major James Robinson Risner and his men are airborne.

Maj. Risner is no ordinary Air Force officer. To begin with he is a true Christian gentleman; a member and

the Sunday School superintendent of the nearby Victorville Assembly God Church. And as far as the U. S. Air Force is concerned he is one of their outstanding fliers. With 8 MIG to his credit, he has the Silver Star medal, Bronz Star medal, Purple Heart and other ribbons. Through the Air Force's competitive system one of the best are accepted as jet fighter pilots. To become the commanding officer of a squadron a man must certainly be highly qualified.

"I have been a Christian since I was just a small boy," Brother Risner comments. His parents are godly people, responsible for raising a family of nine, two of which are ministers today. Grover pastors First Assembly of God in Albuquerque, N. M., and Jack pastors in Buffalo, N. Y. Sister Peggy married a minister and lives in Indiana.

When World War II began he enlisted and received his wings wh

just 19. He served as a fighter pilot, flying P-38s and P-39s, in the Panama Canal Zone.

Maj. Risner recalls the time God was so apparently with him on a flight in 1949. He was going from Oklahoma to Texas. In the fury of a storm he was blown off course and soon became dangerously low on fuel. Through the gale, Brother Risner saw a dry lake bed on which he was able to land. That night he slept in the plane while a hurricane and winds of 70 knots blew outside. All efforts to make radio contact or signal other planes were in vain.

In the morning, after the storm had subsided, he was able to determine he had landed in a very desolate area. There was no choice, but to start walking. As he trudged up a long sandy beach there appeared in the distance something that looked like a human figure. He hastened his pace and upon drawing near saw only a large tree limb blowing to and fro in the water's edge. Soon another limb could be seen up the beach. Maj. Risner dropped to his knees, bowed his head and prayed to the Lord it would be someone. His heart was filled with praise when he realized an old Mexican was coming up the beach toward him. God had answered his prayer.

For two days he stayed in a small village in old Mexico. Then the Mexican gentleman had his son lead Maj.

Risner back to civilization where he learned the military had conducted a search and finally given up. After being lost for 5 days, he knew God had been with him when he was home once again.

The supreme test of the major's faith in Christ came during the Korean conflict. Before each dreadful mission it was his custom to wait before the throne of grace. He would thank God for His protection in the past and ask His blessing for the present. Because of these times of prayer Maj. Risner cannot recall experiencing a time of fear during his flights. "It is hard to explain, but when you're flying a jet you haven't time to pray or think of anything else. That split second your mind is off your flying can be fatal," remarks Brother Risner. He said this, simply to point out if you don't pray before you fly, you will not have time when your airborne.

During his time in Korea Maj. Risner was responsible for downing 8 MIGS. Throughout the more than a hundred missions, Maj. Risner was not scratched. But, on one particular day he sighted his eighth kill-to-be. He got him, but the disintegrating aircraft almost got Maj. Risner. Pieces of the plane hit and shattered his Saberjet's windshield. His hand and face were cut up and he later received the Purple Heart.

Returning from Korea as a jet ace gave Brother Risner a golden opportunity among the men under his command. Being an ace he is esteemed. And being a true Christian in addition to this, they are prone to listen to his advice. In counseling with airmen or pilots he always emphasizes reliance on God. Occasionally, under proper circumstances, he can talk to men concerning the salvation of their souls.

One of the highest honors granted Maj. Risner, was that of being chosen to fly the 30th anniversary flight commemorating Charles A. Lindbergh's crossing of the Atlantic. On May 21, 1957 he flew an F100F Super Saberjet, named the Spirit of St. Louis II, non-stop from McGuire Air Force Base, near New York, to Le Bourget Airport, north of Paris, in 6 hours and 37 minutes. This set a new record time for crossing the Atlantic. The same flight took Lindbergh 33 hours and 27 minutes in his Spirit of St. Louis; more than 24 hours longer than Brother Risner's crossing. He covered 4002 miles at an average speed of 613 m.p.h.

In Paris, a crowd of French and American officials greeted Maj. Risner just as Lindbergh had been welcomed 30 years before. Newspapers throughout this country and the world told the story of this impressive flight.

In talking with this man, a person gains the feeling he is great in his field of work. Yet there is a sense of simple and humble sincerity displayed which reflects Christ in him. There is no boasting in himself for the lives influenced by his example, but the glory is the Lord's. ♦End

Below is Leon Clark of the Los Angeles Rams with Maj. Risner



Bible College

Accreditation and Endorsement

by

Leland R. Keys

President, Bethany Bible College

**An informative article which
merits the attention of both
laymen and ministers.**

The Board of Directors has requested that something be written to clarify our understanding of the meaning of Bible college accreditation.

The word "accreditation" is close in meaning to the word "creditable." Educational work that is creditable is called accredited. "An accreditation association is a group of schools which determines whether or not the work of a school which is seeking membership in that association is creditable and thus worthy of approval."

Schools and colleges in specialized fields have accrediting associations of their own. Thus it is only to be expected that schools such as Bible institutes and Bible colleges giving specialized training, should have their own accrediting association. The accrediting association of Bible colleges is such an organization. It is thoroughly evangelical and operates on a high level of sound academic practice. Its annual meetings, held in Chicago, are characterized by a deep spirituality without sacrificing thoroughgoing proficiency in its field.

The results of the formation of this association have been most gratifying. It has had a salutary effect upon the whole Bible school movement in America. It has raised and set standards, established methods and emphasized ethics to such an extent that Bethany Bible College is proud to work with this association in becoming a better school and in producing a better product. Our years of association have resulted in producing a more

efficient school; academic standards have been raised and modern methods of procedure in the business office have been introduced. In the over-all picture the school has been definitely strengthened in every way without sacrificing its Pentecostal standards of spirituality.

The welfare of the faculty is given great consideration in the association. We believe that Bethany's faculty is a happy faculty because more and more concern is shown for their material needs and welfare. The days are long gone when, if they ever existed, the "second best" was good enough for a Bible school. Today, the faculty member must be a person whose academic training prepares him for this all-important work of preparing the gospel worker of tomorrow. Bogus degrees and mail order diplomas have no place in the academic picture as far as Bethany is concerned.

Since 1947 the AABC has been functioning in formulating standards of admission, basic subjects taught, minimum length of semesters and class periods, qualifications of faculty, library requirements, faculty-student ratio, business methods of financing and advertising ethics.

When a school becomes a member of the Accrediting Association it means that that school is registered with the United States Board of Education and is listed in its publications as an accredited school.

Students who belong to an accredited school may transfer, within the

Association, without loss of credit. Often they are able to transfer into schools of other accrediting associations with a much higher standing than would otherwise be possible.

It should be stated that secular colleges do not ordinarily recognize Bible subjects in accepting units of work completed in a Bible college. However, work done in secular subjects in Bethany, such as English, History, United States Government, Literature, Music, Psychology and certain other subjects has been recognized and in a number of cases students have been able to transfer credits to secular colleges.

This, then, points up, far from exhaustively, some of the facts regarding accreditation. Bethany Bible College is an Associate Member of the AABC.

At the present time the greatest benefit of our association with the AABC has been to the school itself. It has helped us, and is continuing to help us to have a better school in which to train the fine young men and women who come to us for Bible college education.

Now for a few remarks concerning the meaning of ENDORSEMENT.

"Endorsement of an educational institution by the Department of Education of the Assemblies of God involves more than the mere recognition of an organic association with the denomination. The General Council provides for a Department of Education that shall have as its general respon-

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sibility the supervision and promotion of the education activities of the Assemblies of God.' Among its duties is the seeking to 'maintain a high level of spirituality in all our schools and to guard against any departure from doctrines and spiritual experiences set forth in our statement of fundamental truths. It is also to encourage educational and administrative efficiency in the various schools.

In order to more effectively implement the general duties . . . the Department is specifically charged,

among other things, with erecting 'standards to which all schools of the Assemblies of God shall be required to conform in order to receive General Council endorsement.'

What does General Council Department of Education Endorsement mean?

1. That the institution is doctrinally and spiritually sound.
2. That it is loyal to the principles and standards of the Assemblies of God.
3. That it has an effective instructional program.
4. That it is actually accomplishing the objectives outlined in its program.
5. That its resources are adequately administered.
6. That it is worthy of the loyalty and patronage which it receives.

We are happy to say that Bethany Bible College of Santa Cruz, California is endorsed by the Education Department of the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

From an address delivered by Dr. S. A. Witmer, Executive Director of the AABC at Chicago in 1957, I take the liberty to lift his quotation of Billy Graham's Tribute to a Bible College. It cites what Bible school education meant to him and what it can mean to all young people who expose themselves to its potentialities. It was in Bible College that Billy Graham's faith was grounded in the Word of God. Stanley High in his biography of Billy Graham says: "Thus, when in 1940 Billy graduated from Trinity Bible College, his religious faith was past the experimental stage; his com-

mitment which he believed to be God's will was unconditional; and the Bible, from having been a work of reference, had become for him God's Word."

Here is what Billy himself says about the contribution of a Bible school to his life and ministry in a letter which he wrote to the 1957 senior class of his Alma Mater:

"There are many things that Trinity did for me. First, it helped give me a sense of direction. I was a confused, bewildered and uncertain youngster when I came there. . .

"Secondly, Trinity taught me the Bible. The fundamentals of Biblical theology that I learned there are still basic in my preaching and teaching.

"Thirdly, while at Trinity I learned something of the crucified life. I learned what victorious living meant through many personal experiences and the things I was taught in the classrooms. I learned something of the Spirit-filled life. . .

"Fourthly, Trinity gave me my beginning in evangelism. Opportunities to preach in Tampa and surrounding areas were mine. My first sermon was preached while a student there. I was encouraged at all times to preach wherever possible."

Thank God for our Bible colleges. Thank God for Bethany Bible College and for the increasing number of our Assemblies of God churches and individuals who are rallying to its financial support. May it continue to pour into our Pentecostal ranks, young men and women whose hearts are aflame with the love of God and a passion for souls. "Brethren, pray for us." ♦End

College Music Director Takes Leave

Bethany Bible College's beloved and highly esteemed musical director, Forrest Beiser, is to take a leave of absence. Having served the Bible College faithfully and efficiently for a number of years, Brother Beiser feels it incumbent that he take further study. An opportunity has been presented to him to assist Brother Kenneth Haystean in the First Assembly of God in Portland and also to attend college to further his education.

Brother Beiser is not leaving Bethany Bible College. He has asked that he be allowed to absent himself from Bethany's campus for two semesters only. During that time of absence, arrangements have been made for him

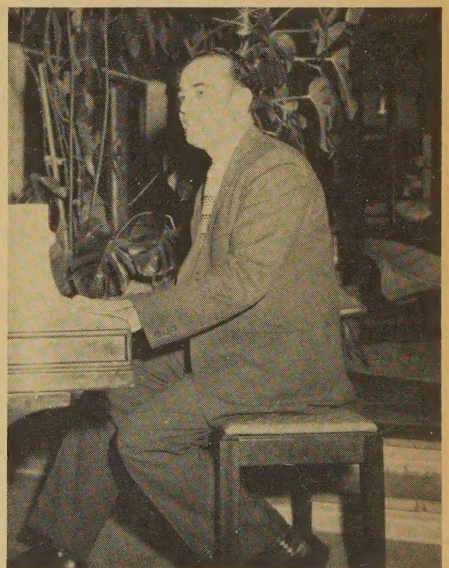
to be present for all graduation music and commencement exercises. He will be gone for the Spring semester and the Fall semester of 1959. Then he will return and occupy his position as head of the music department.

During Brother Beiser's absence other well-qualified teachers will carry on.

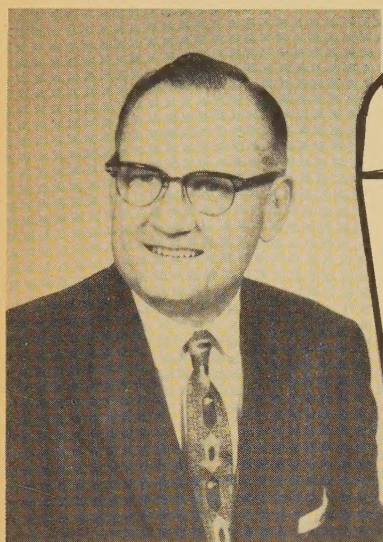
This procedure is not at all unusual in academic circles. Teachers often take leave of absence to further their studies. The "sabbatical" is well established precedent. The teacher returns to his field of service better qualified for the task at hand.

Brother Beiser will certainly be missed by all who know him, but we are thankful that we are not saying "Good bye," but just "Till we meet again, God be with you."

L. R. Keys.



Rev. Forrest K. Beiser



An Open Letter to Church Boards

by Joseph L. Gerhart

District Secretary-Treasurer

Official Church Boards
Local Assemblies.

Dear Fellow Workers:

I have two important things upon my heart about which I feel I should write to you at this time.

FIRST: Concerning our Fellowship. Allow me to express my sincere appreciation to you, to your pastor and congregation for the excellent cooperation you have given your District Council program and your school, Bethany Bible College, during the year of 1958. Your Faithfulness in prayer and offerings has brought God's blessings to this District which is commonly known to be one of the largest and most successful in the General Council.

As we launch into the new year I wish to encourage your continued faithfulness. I hope we can see even greater and more wonderful things accomplished in the Lord. Glory!

Remember, as a leader in your assembly your faithfulness in these matters is of utmost importance. Whatever you do as a individual board member will have an influence upon the other members of the congregation. We leaders in the Kingdom have a tremendous responsibility — to always lead the people in the *right* direction for we will lead them one way or the other in whatever we say and do — even in our very attitude. May it always be in the *right* direction — for Jesus' sake.

SECOND: Concerning your Pastor. It has been well said that no one, not even those closest to him, can know the burdens, trials, responsibilities, sacrifices, and (thank God) joys of the pastor of a church. It will be needless to attempt to go into this now, but I am sure that many of you have become aware of some of these things as you have stood by and labored with your pastor.

Here are a few ways in which you, as the official board of your assembly, can help with your pastor's ministry and thereby strengthen your church. First, let me state that what I am about to call to your attention does not come from your pastor. I say what I am about to say simply because I feel that I should. If your pastor is like most pastors he probably would never mention these things to you to me or to anyone.

1. *Review his salary.* I have a newspaper clipping before me taken from last night's San Francisco paper which states that, "about 85 per cent of American workers covered by collective bargaining contracts receive wage increases this year." I wonder how many of our pastors received an increase in pay this year? And yet, with the cost of living steadily increasing — if the pastor's salary does not go up accordingly he is actually suffering a *decrease* in his income.

The pastor has many financial demands made upon him that the average person does not know, or know about. It costs him, therefore, more to live.

Consider, for instance, the fact that his every day work clothes may be the same thing that most people wear only on special occasions. In order that he may make a proper appearance in your community and represent you and your church well you will naturally expect him to be dressed up most of the time. This takes money for clothes, laundry, cleaning, etc.

About his car. This is an expensive tool which his work requires. You do not want him to use a car that is not dependable and does not bring credit to you, to your church and to the movement. As a pastor I put about 2000 miles per month on my car, most of which was for my ministry. Experts tell us it costs from 8 to 12 cents per mile to drive — including insurance, upkeep, etc. That means about \$160.00 or more per month for car expenses according to national figures. No doubt your pastor's car mileage is equally as great.

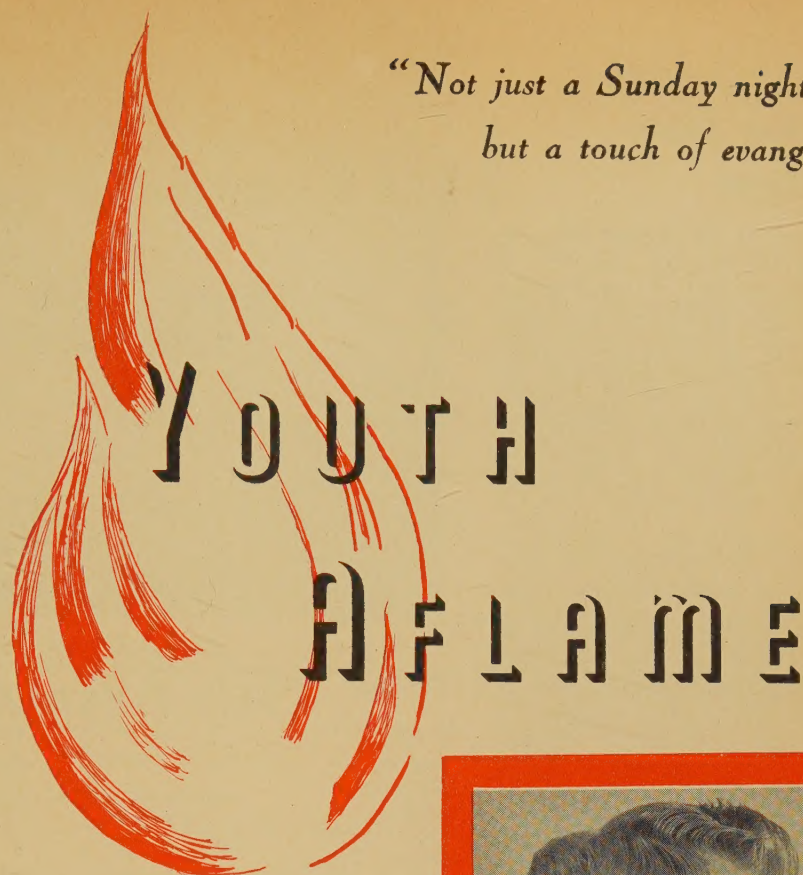
"Ninety-two burned to death in Chicago school tragedy!" "Entire family snuffed out by fire!" "Thousands of acres aflame as fire runs rampant in Southern California foothills." The past few months our news headlines have been filled with the destructions of such violent fires.

The Bible also has much to say about fire. Not physical or natural fires, but the fire that kindles the heart and soul, the altar of God. In Exodus, God commanded Moses, "And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon . . . where I will meet with thee . . . and Aaron shall burn thereon . . . a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations. Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice. . ." "The fire was God given, it was Aaron's duty to keep it alive with the right kind of fire.

God warned, "Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice. . ." Yet the record is that Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. "And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord." I suppose we could justly call them fools! Discribe their action as a stupid stunt, to say the least! Yet, it was a fatal tragedy. A useless waste of two young men — all because they played with "strange fire."

In the light of God's Word there is a sobering truth found in this incident. The "strange fires" of sin are cutting a vicious and ever increasing path through the ranks of the youth of our generation. Leaving in its wake a sickening sight of twisted and charred heaps of spiritual wreckage. Too many of the youth within the ranks of our churches are also making the same fatal mistake that two young men, Nadab and Abihu made. They are trying to keep the fire on the altar of their hearts alive with dangerous types of "strange fire."

The majority of those who read this article will be pastors, ministers of youth, C. A. officers, youth leaders, parents and those who are vitally interested in the youth of our movement. One of the heartbreaking problems that many of us are facing is: How are we going to keep the youth of our churches, and reach the unreached youth for Christ? If we find the answer to the first of these questions the second one will be easier to answer. For once we can set on fire the youth of our movement they in turn



*"Not just a Sunday night flicker,
but a touch of evangelism!"*

by

Doug Fairrington

Newly elected

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will reach their generation for Christ.

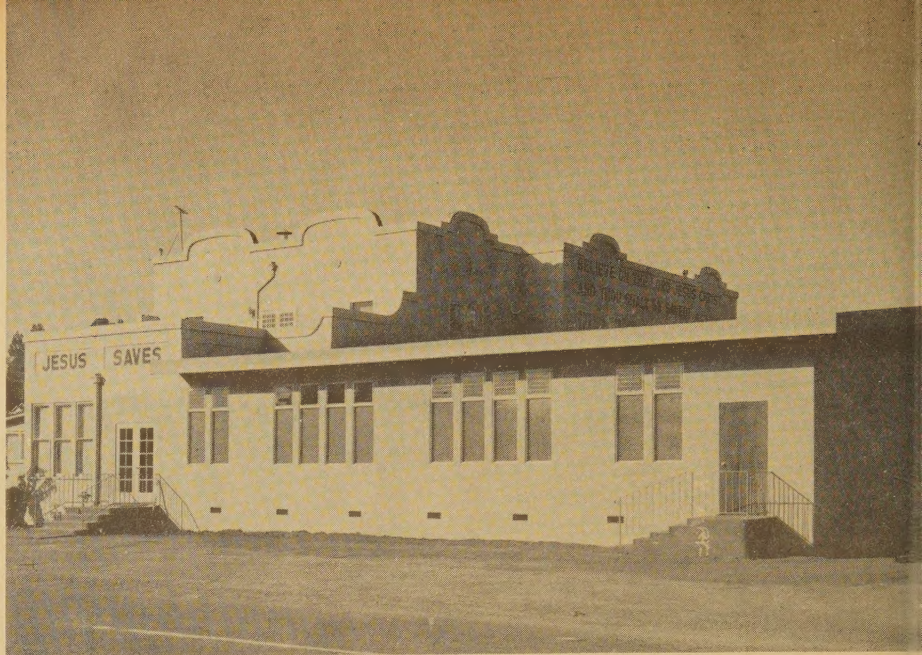
We must fight fire with fire. Yes, the world is trying to entice the youth of our churches by offering to them the thrills of the "strange fires" of sin that will in turn ignite their hearts to eternal destruction, and Satan is also busy kindling this spark and fanning the flame with every conceivable means. The answer to this tragic problem is found in the advice that the Apostle Paul gave to Timothy, "Stir up the gift that is in thee." Literally, "stir up the fire that in thee." Instead of trying to smother the spark of youth, let's take Paul's advice and help them, "Stir up the fire." The di-

vine spark is from God. But the danger lies in the possibility that it will be kindled with "strange" instead of "divine" fires. A baptism of divine fire is the answer. We need to lead the youth of our movement into the flames of Acts 2:4. The heart of every young person in our C. A. group needs to be ignited with the flame of a Pentecostal experience. Our youth not only need to be set-aflame but, also taught the necessity of keeping the fire burning bright by day and night as a "... perpetual incense. . ." Not just a Sunday night flicker, but a torch of evangelism and enthusiasm every day.

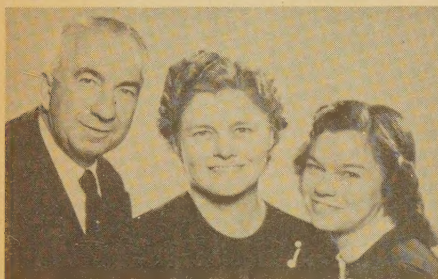
Soquel Assembly Dedicates New Auditorium

Pastor Rueben Davis and the congregation of the Soquel Assembly of God Church rejoiced in the completion of their new auditorium addition. The sanctuary was dedicated Dec. 7th. District Secretary-Treasurer Joseph L. Gearhart preached the dedicatory message in the afternoon service. Raymond Murray, Coast Counties presbyter, prayed the dedicatory prayer.

The new auditorium is meeting a big need for space in which to worship. There has been a steady grow-



NEW ADDITION AT SOQUEL ASSEMBLY



Rev. and Mrs. Davis and Dolores

th and with this growth the old auditorium became inadequate.

Three pastors have served the church since it was founded in Feb. 1949 under the leadership of Mrs. Elizabeth Merringer Richardson. She held services in an old garage which had been made into a store building.

From that time God has continued to bless the work in Soquel and there has been a steady increase. The Sunday School is averaging 132.

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Paul Curry (lic)

From:

Oklahoma
So. California
Reinstated
Other denom.
Arizona
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OUT-GOING PASTOR

Fred Boring
Andrew Fliflet
Philip N. Lyon
Truvon Rogers

Herbert Lilly

Transferred in:

John V. Cline (lic)
Darrel L. Bean (lic)
Donald R. Price (lic)
Hugh Rosenberg (lic)
Hermon L. Close (lic)
Agnes Rorie (lic)
Transferred out:
Bartley Rush (ord)
M. H. Nolin (ord)
A. L. Dean (ord)
B. C. Finrock (ord)
S. A. & Lillian
Merrill (ord)
E. J. Coleman (lic)

IN-COMING PASTOR

Troy A. Beavers
Fred Boring

Paul Seaburg
Truvon Rogers
Ardon Schmidt

From:

New
New
Other denom
Kansas
Oklahoma
Arkansas
To:
Withdrew
Indiana
North Texas
Arizona
So. California
North Texas

Are We Using Music ?

People of our nation and time possess an interest in music more genuine and sincere than at any other period in our history. All ages — children, youth, and adults are better informed musically than ever before. Our generation is being filled with music. Music has become a vital part of every day living.

But not only has music become more wide spread than ever before but the tragic note is that some of our music has sunken into the deeper depths of sensual moral decay. This sliding modulation into the lower chords of the music world reveals the inner void of our nations spiritual structure.

This degrading apathy should

cause us to evaluate with renewed vigor the quality of our churches music ministry. More than one third of our church services are comprised of gospel music yet often times so little time is given in preparation. The Bible's admonishment to "study to show thyself approved" should not only cast its influence upon our speaking ministry but also upon our singing efforts.

We must awaken ourselves to the realization that music is not only for the habitual attenders inside the walls of our churches but music is one of the most effective arms of evangelism.

Gospel music has always been a spiritual drawing card to the gospel message. To say that music has won more souls to God than any other means is not necessarily an exaggerat-

ed survey.

Auevbach said, "Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." If our music, be it vocal or instrumental, is backed by preparation and prayer it is possible the results will be unending and the good accomplished beyond our comprehension. Oh the power of music, ministered in the Holy Spirit!

Always invading our consciousness is the grim awareness that we are not reaching enough people with the gospel. Perhaps if we consciously analyze our program we'll find that we're not using music enough! This great arm of evangelism that reaches so effectively to the heart of the despondent to the pain of the invalid and to the soul of all man kind must never be laid aside.

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District Council

During the last week of February the 41st Annual District Council will convene in Sacramento, California.

This year strong emphasis is being placed on the evening evangelistic rallies. Rev. C. M. Ward, Rivivaltime speaker, will bring the messages each night of the convention. Special music will be featured in these services, including the Bethany Bible College and several other church choirs.

All evening services except Monday will be held in Governors Hall. Day sessions will be at Bethel Temple.

Monday evening the special CA rally will be held in Bethel Temple. There will be a full program with C. M. Ward as speaker.

The annual WMC Day meeting will take place on Tuesday morning. This is one of the highlights of the Council. Margaret Erickson, outstanding convention speaker, will bring a

stirring WMC message at this meeting. That afternoon at 1:00 the annual Penny Parade will be conducted.

Thursday morning at 7:30 the annual Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Business Meeting will convene. President Walt Hanson will be in charge.

During the business sessions of the Council, matters of interest and importance will be considered. The Superintendent, Assistant Superinten-

dent, and Secretary-Treasurer will give their annual reports. Current matters of business will be handled as well as the election of officers.

You will enjoy this forty-first Council meeting. Arrangements for accommodations may be made by writing to Rev. Warren Grant, 2030 W Street, Sacramento.

A full schedule of events is given on the next page.

District Council Committees

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**We'll see you
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Breakfast and
Business Meeting**

**C. M. Ward,
Speaker**

February 26

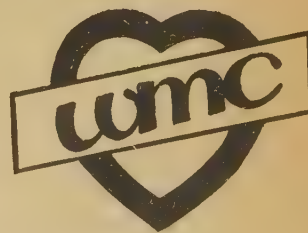
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**Attend
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W.M.C. Day



February 24 at District Council

Artistic Floats -- Stirring Message

MARGARET ERICKSON, Speaker

10:00 a. m.

Bethel Temple

41st Annual

DISTRICT COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 23-27
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Program Schedule

MONDAY, February 23 —
1:00 p. m. District Presbyters Meeting.
7:00 p. m. CA Rally. C. M. Ward, Bethel Temple.

TUESDAY, February 24 —
10:00 a. m. Annual WMC Devotional. Margaret Erickson.
1:00 p. m. Annual Penny Parade.
1:45 p. m. Council Opening Home Missions.
2:45 p. m. Business Session. Superintendent's Report.
7:00 p. m. Evening Rally. C. M. Ward. Governors Hall.

WEDNESDAY, February 25 —
9:00 a. m. Devotional.
10:00 a. m. Business Session.
1:45 p. m. Foreign Missions.
2:45 p. m. Business Session.



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1:45 p. m. Senior Bible College Devotional.
 2:30 p. m. BBC Annual Corporation Meeting.
 7:00 p. m. Evening Rally. C. M. Ward. Governors Hall.

FRIDAY, February 27 —
 9:00 a. m. Devotional.
 10:00 a. m. Business Session.
 1:45 p. m. Ordination Service.
 3:00 p. m. Business Session.
 7:00 p. m. Evening Rally. C. M. Ward. Governors Hall.

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The second place trophy will be given to the church with the second highest amount of offering. This trophy is identical to the first place trophy with the exception it is only 12 inches high. This is the first year this

award will be made.

There will be seven divisional trophies given for the churches giving the most in the seven divisions as set forth on the back page of the Sunday School Counsellor each month. These trophies are 7½ inches tall with a bronze barrel set on a wooden base.

There will be a first and second place award to the district Sunday School director whose district places either first or second in total giving. Each trophy will be engraved with the winners name and date of B. G. M. C. day.

To qualify for this contest simply

receive an offering for the B. G. M. C. and be sure it is sent into the National Sunday School Dept, Postmarked no later than February 28th, 1959. B. G. M. C. is vitally contributing to the needs of the natives in other lands by supplying the Gospel in printed form. This year B. G. M. C. is concentrating on the countries of Southern Asia where Communism is also putting forth great effort by sending tons of literature in hopes of winning the confidence of the people. We must rally all of our strength to hasten the Gospel and win them for Christ. B. G. M. C. is doing this very thing by way of the printed page.

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Christian Teachers Fellowship Meets In Watsonville

Early in December the C. T. F. group from San Jose, California were guests at the Monte Vista Christian School in Watsonville. During the afternoon approximately 30 teachers and their families enjoyed a time of recreation which included tennis, baseball, horseback riding and hiking on the campus of the school. Before the evening potluck supper a guided tour through the print shop took place, then the group gathered before the fireplace in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Price. Mr. Price is the principal at Monte Vista. The group then enjoyed a fine supper in the gayly decorated dining hall. Mrs. Lapum, the C.T.F. president, made introductions of guests. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Price who then presented his faculty. The Monte Vista High School choir sang several selections.

We are expecting other teachers

throughout our district to form groups such as this one from San Jose during the new year of 1959.

For information write Dave Colbert, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.



Plenty of good food . . .



was enjoyed by all.

Department

DAVE COLBERT, Director



Salida Sunday School Awarded 10th Consecutive Gold Crown

Teachers Workshop at the Salida Assembly of God Sunday School for November was centered around the theme of Crowns. At a given time a messenger boy entered the church announcing the arrival of a telegram from the National Sunday School Department, Springfield, Missouri. The telegram was opened from the pulpit and read aloud, "It is our privilege to present to the Salida Assembly of God Church their 10th consecutive Gold Crown Award with a grade of 100%. Then the Sunday School staff filed in with the nine previous Gold Crown awards. Pastor McKim is not only leading his church in a march of dedication and efficiency but is doing as fine a job in the Central San Joaquin section as sectional Sunday school representative.



The Sunday School staff of Assembly of God Sunday School, Salida, California, with display of Gold Crown Awards for tenth consecutive year.

VBS Workshop Held In Sacramento



Pictured above is Rev. Billy Reeves from the National Sunday School Department as he conducted a one day VBS Workshop, Jan. 14, in Sacramento. He fully explained the new course, "Flying With Christ," and also gave special instruction on conducting an effective VBS. Three-hundred and fifty interested people from throughout the District were present.

Be A "Peptomist"

The pessimist says, "I can't do it."

The optimist says, "I can do it."

The peptomist says, "I just did it."

Pessimists have no place in the Sunday School; optimists are nice to know; but peptomists are absolutely necessary! Peptomists are needed in every phase of Sunday School activity. And Training Month is no exception.

If you are a peptomist you have already planned your January Training Course — and perhaps have conducted the course. Now, the item of most concern is *reporting the course*.

The National Sunday School Department must have your report if its Training Month records are to be complete and accurate. Through the Training Month reports, they are able to determine the effectiveness of the training program on the local, district, and national level, recognize its weak areas, and discover those phases which are being well utilized.

Don't say you can't get your report in, and don't just say you can get it in; put action behind those words and mail it as soon as your training course is over!

BE A "PEPTOMIST"

AN IDEA FOR BOOSTING ATTENDANCE

A Trip Around The World

Mrs. Samuel Dake, Sunday School superintendent at the Redding Assembly of God Church reports that much enthusiasm has been shown during a recent imaginary trip around the world.

In taking our "Around the World Trip," states Mrs. Dake, we stop each Sunday at a different country. We always tell a few things about the country, the people and the way they live and then close our travelogue with a missionary story or a specific prayer request for the country. Next, we give a prize to the person bringing the most visitors. The prize is something typical of that country. For instance one Sunday they visited Sweden and a lady from the Sunday School baked a delicious Swedish coffee cake

for the prize. A teenager brought six guests to win this particular prize.

Each Sunday, the country that will be visited on the next Sunday is told and also the prize is told so that people will work for it.

Not only is this attendance builder creating interest among those attending but also among the ladies of the Sunday School who are having a lot of fun thinking up the different prizes that will suit the different countries. Thus, the entire church is having the opportunity to meet many new people who attend. Ten to twelve minutes is all the time allowed for this promotional idea in the closing service of the Sunday School Hour. Rev. Harold Byram is the pastor of this aggressive Assembly.

Sacramento River Property Deeded to District

This beautiful home on the Sacramento River just outside Tehama has been deeded to the District by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barneson, its former owners and builders.

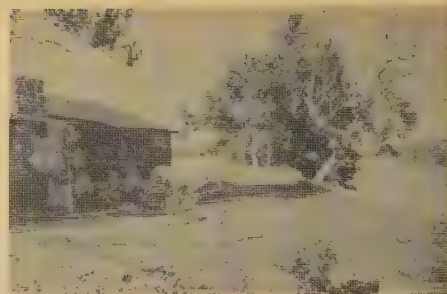
It was last April when we were first approached by Mr. Barneson (who is Rev. Johnny Tinsman's step-father) as to whether or not our District was so organized that it could receive a tax gift of property. When advised by us and later by the legal authorities that it could, Mr. Barneson began to take the necessary steps toward transfer of the same to our District. This was finally accomplished early last fall.

The property which cost nearly \$100,000 to develop will be leased out for the present and later on may, perhaps, be disposed of with the proceeds going into such phases of church and District developmental activities as may be determined.

We are exceedingly grateful to Mr.

and Mrs. Barneson for this gift and trust God will bless them for having granted it to our District. Its value will stabilize the District's ability to grant certain necessary endorsements of loans for home missions or other small churches. Mr. Barneson, who by the way is the Chairman of the Board of the Norwalk Oil Company, has shown us a way in which others also can serve God with mammon. Perhaps you know others who have sufficient of this world's goods that they can make a definite contribution of real estate or other assets to the District Council or Bethany Bible College. Such legitimate deductions can be made while at the same time promoting the work of the Kingdom of God.

This may be a good time also to remind our constituency that gifts, devises, deeds, and legacies are invited to help promote the program of Full Gospel advance in our great District.

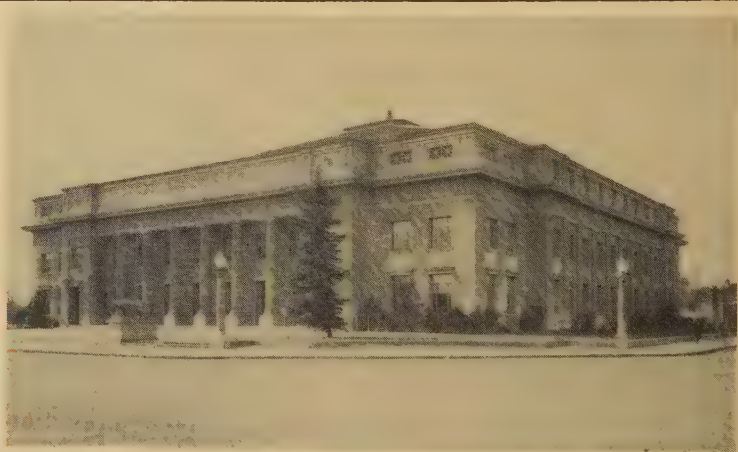


If the Lord has blessed you with this world's goods and you want to make a contribution that will live for eternity, why not write today for further information to Rev. J. L. Gerhart, Box 961, Santa Cruz, California.

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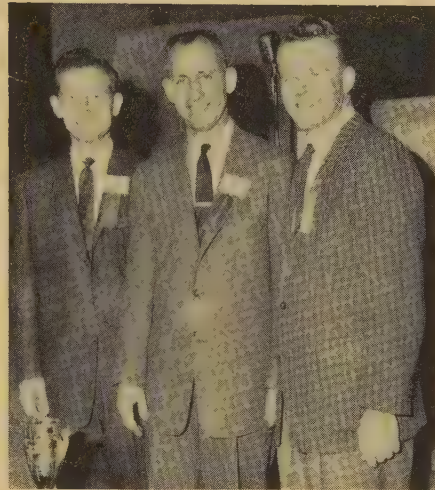


Walt Boring, D-Cap

C. A. Convention News

...And now there are Three

For the past several months the C. A. Department has been short one on the personnel list, but that situation was remedied with the election of Doug Fairrington as the new Vice-President. Doug is well qualified to step into the big shoes left by former Veep Fulton Buntain since the C. A. Department is no stranger to him. For several years Doug has been a highly effective Sectional Representative in both the Capitol and the Peninsula Sections. No doubt his closeness to the department and his keen interest in the Christ's Ambassadors of the district were the things that brought his name to the attention of the voters. Both D-Cap Walt Boring and Secretary-Treasurer Steve Asmuth were elected on the nominating ballot.



Left to right are Steve Asmuth, Walt Boring and new Veep Doug Fairrington.

JOHN FRENCH, THE INIMITABLE

John French, the converted English actor, made an immediate hit with the young and old alike. His witty and humorous insults delighted the audience no end and the tremendous testimony of his conversion was a never to be forgotten story. His contribution to the convention was immeasurable.

THANKS TO BOBBY HOSKINS

For two wonderful nights the convention was mightily moved by the appointed ministry of Evangelist Bobby Hoskins. His messages reflected the deep interest that he has in our youth and again and again as he delved into the darkest aspects of the problems faced by our young people he splendidly used God's Word to shed the light that dispels the darkness and reveals the pathways to overcoming victory. The affects of his preaching will long be felt in the lives of the youth who attended this convention.



HATS OFF TO HAP McPHERSON

Hap McPherson, the amiable and robust, beautifully and artfully decorated the foyer and the auditorium. His many hours of hard work in making things so nice for everybody will not be forgotten. In addition to his artwork, he tickled the audience with his terrific demonstration of wit and chatter in the "Get Acquainted Time" in which he interviewed unsolicited members of the audience. Hap, a full blooded American, made all the pale faces know that he liked us and that he would tolerate our imposing upon his land.

Teenage Talent Contest Winners



Solo vocal, Jeri Sue Hirmere.



Multiple instrumental, Byron and Terry Boots.

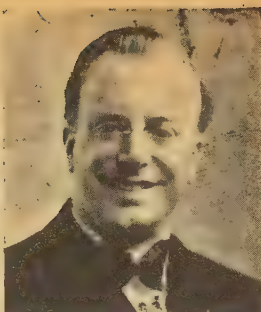


Solo instrumental, Gene Poe.



Multiple vocal, Sue and Sharon Vanlaningham and Eileen Hanson.

H. W. Cooksey with the Lord



H. Wesley Cooksey, twelve years Dean of Glad Tidings Bible Institute and Assistant Pastor to the late Robert J. Craig, passed away in Abbingdon, Berkshire, England Dec. 5. Brother Cooksey was 74. He was preceded in death by his wife some five years ago. Brother Cooksey was a Salvationist when he received his Baptism under the ministry of Pastor Baker of Montreal. He returned to his post in Galt, Ontario and began an Assembly of God church. During this time the entire family suffered persecution. In 1925 he held a Bible School in Victoria, B. C. and in the fall of 1926 came to San Francisco where he taught and inspired many young people now in full time ministry. For the past twenty years he had been associated with the International Foursquare. He is survived by his daughter, Olive, of Angeles Temple Bookroom and Rev. Douglas Cooksey now residing in Bethany Park.

J. L. Gerhart Elected Secretary of D. S. F.



DISTRICT SECRETARIES — During the recent General Presbyters sessions in Springfield a seminar was held for district secretaries. Those attending the Seminar formed an organization to be known as the District Secretaries' Fellowship. A program for improvement and expediting work of the district secretary's office and also inter-district business will be inaugurated by the newly formed fellowship.

Elected officers of the fellowship include, Bartlett Peterson, chairman; and Joseph L. Gerhart, secretary. The chairman is secretary of the Southern Missouri District and previously, while serving as district superintendent of Minnesota, was chairman of the District Superintendent's Fellowship. The secretary of the newly organized fellowship is secretary of the Northern California-Nevada District. The officers are shown in the third and fourth positions on the front row, reading left to right.

A New Service

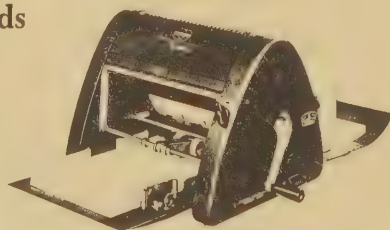
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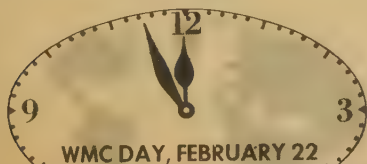
February 22 set for W.M.C. Day

February 22, 1959, has been chosen as the date for National WMC Day. At that time hundreds of assemblies across the nation will join in honoring approximately 58,000 WMC's and 10,000 Missionettes. The theme for National WMC Day is "For Such a Time . . . Thou Art Come." Our many missionaries at home and abroad along with pastors and district officials can testify to the great blessing the WMC's have been through their many hours of prayer and work. The ill, the aged, and the needy have benefited because this great host of women and girls has been ready and willing to help whenever a need arises.

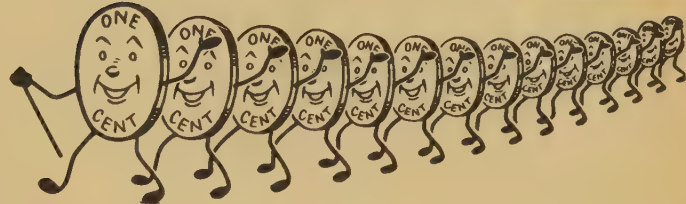
Suggested program material for a service on National WMC Day has been prepared and will be sent to local WMC presidents right after the first of January. Each local church received a letter from the National Office in the early part of November along with a free supply of DIME cards which have been designed to help save a dime a week for the twelve weeks preceeding WMC Day. On National WMC Day they will be placed in the special offering and sent to Springfield for the support of the National WMC Department.

Visual Aid to be used with the suggested program is again available at cost along with badges bearing the theme.

To order materials or for further information write to the National WMC Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Cash must accompany all orders.



FOR SUCH A TIME...
THOU ART COME



Pennies from Heaven

A portly resolute man in black, a veteran of the Civil War, a Philadelphia preacher, lifted a sobbing girl from the ground, wrapped her in powerful arms and asked why her little heart was broken. "I can't go - to - Sunday - School" she sobbed. With others she had been turned away from the steps, for the little sanctuary was overcrowded. The fatherly pastor walked the child to the sanctuary and demanded a place for her. And that day an aggressive city pastor caught a vision of the city's need and the tenement children.

The child also received a vision that day. Her moist little eyes had watched the painful departure of other poor youngsters from the edifice. She went to bed that night thinking about her less fortunate playmates. They had no place to learn the words and ways of Jesus.

Some two years later the child of the suffocating tenements lay dead, and the parents sent for the robust, fatherly pastor to take charge of the funeral arrangements.

Beneath a torn, crumpled pillow a soiled red pocketbook was found, rummaged from a city dump. In it were exactly 57 pennies, and a note scrawled in a childish hand. "This is to help build the little church bigger, so more Children can go to Sunday School."

For two years this devoted, unselfish child had run errands obliging the slum people, and her total earn-

ings had been placed in the faded purse. When the robust, veteran-pastor read the note and fingered the pennies he decided on instant action.

He carried that cracked red pocketbook into his pulpit and told the story of a girl, her gift and the grace of God. He challenged his deacons to get busy with the work of the kingdom; he charged his adult members to consider the ways of a little girl of the slums.

A real estate man in the city read the message as the newspapers picked up the story and published it across the nation. An irreligious man himself, the real estate gentleman offered a princely parcel of land for sale. It was worth many thousands of dollars. The pastor informed the stranger that he had no large sum. "I will let the Church have that parcel of land reasonably and will accept as down payment - exactly 57 cents." Church members began to make large subscriptions. Checks came in to the minister's study from far and wide. Within five years a girl's gift had increased into a sum of \$250,000.

Whenever you go to the great city of Philadelphia you will find a large church seating 3,300; a University with hundreds and hundreds of students; a large Hospital and a Sunday School building large enough to accommodate every child.

All of this began with a girl and her pennies that literally became - "Pennies from Heaven."



ARBUCKLE —

The Capitol Section C. A. Rally was held Nov. 24 with Walt Boring as speaker. The pastor is Kenneth Tracy.

AUBURN —

Bethel Assembly pastor, T. E. Fourt, writes the services are encouraging. The building is nearly ready for occupancy.

CARMICHAEL —

Pastor L. W. Suter of First Assembly reports two recent missionary speakers, Richard Jeffrey of South America and Wheeler Anderson of West Africa.

CHICO —

Pleasant Valley Assembly and Pastor Lonnie Decker announce God is blessing and souls are being saved.

DELANO —

Ernie Rebb was guest speaker Dec. 14. Evangelist Ruth Jackson ministered the first week in December. Houston Baker is pastor.

FAIRFIELD —

The November Fellowship Meeting for North Bay had as speakers L. R. Anderson and George Hunter.

GALT —

The McPherson Evangelistic Meeting was most successful. Pastor Carrol Holloway shared his pulpit recently with S. S. Director David Colbert and B. B. C. President L. R. Keys.

GUERNEVILLE —

Missionary-evangelist Roy Whitt showed his colored motion pictures of Guatemala and preached at the morning service. George Hunter is pastor.

HALF MOON BAY —

The Sunday School record has been broken three times in the past four months. Pastor Jefferson Hall is the new C. A. Sectional Chairman.

HAYWARD —

Bethel Temple heard two missionaries recently. In November Cal Zeisler and in December the Riley Kaufmans who are just returned from the Philippines. James Swanson is pastor.

LONG BEACH —

Assembly of God and Pastor Kirk Soper dedicated the first unit of the

new building Oct. 26. District Superintendent L. E. Halverson officiated.

MODESTO —

Bethel First Church was packed out at the November C. A. Rally when Leon Terry Sectional Men's Representative spoke. The pastor is L. B. Lewis.

OAKLAND —

Evangel Temple concluded an evangelistic meeting with Charles Morrison of Tulsa, Okla. The meeting was a real blessing to the church. Brother Morrison is residing in Oakland. Guy Hardin is pastor.

RICHMOND —

Full Gospel Temple Men's Fellowship special speaker was John French on Nov. 25. J. Boyd Wolverton is pastor.

SACRAMENTO —

Bethel Temple news includes a

week of meetings with Evangelist Bobby Hoskins in November. Ree Harper was guest singer and Bethel Sunday School is having a contest with Central Assembly, Springfield and Panama City, Florida. Clyde Henson is pastor.

SALINAS —

Alisal Assembly was host to the Coast Counties Fellowship Meeting in November. The speakers were H. F. Rugwell of Alaska and Evangelist Thomas Don Carlos.

Missionary Harold Headrick spoke for Pastor Joe Wright the same month.

ST. HELENA —

Pastors Fred and Olive were hosts to the North Bay Fellowship Meeting in September. Evangelist Tosier held a meeting here this fall.

SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple and Hayward Bethel enjoyed a choir exchange Dec. 28 when each presented a cantata.

SANTA CLARA —

Eddie and Ruthie Washington were guests at the Peninsula Fellowship meeting in November. There was a panel discussion in the minister's meeting. E. R. Gomes is pastor.

SANTA ROSA —

Paul Demetrus, Missionary to Russia was guest speaker in November. December 19 the choir presented a Christmas Musical at Navato under

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Founder-President Atwood Foster (second from right) of Church Extension Plan was a recent visitor at the District office.

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SOUTH MODESTO —

First Assembly heard Evangelist James Miller of Hot Springs, Ark. recently. J. W. Sandlin is pastor.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO —

First Assembly had a revival with Evangelist Thomas Don Carlos in December. Fifteen new members have been added to the church. The pastor is Carl Curtright.

STOCKTON —

Eastside Assembly was host to the N. San Joaquin Fellowship meeting in December with Clyde Henson speaker. Walt Boring brought the message at the C. A. Rally that evening. S. G. Cox is pastor.

SUNNYVALE —

First Assembly held a Missionary Convention in November. The Wheeler Andersons, Paul Demetrus and an all Russian choir from the Russian church in San Francisco were featured. On Dec. 7 Bethany Bible College presented "The Messiah." Ralph Hili-gas is pastor.

TUOLUMNE —

Pastor Howard Davis reports their building is now under way.

Personal Mention

DWIGHT BURCHETT is now the youth and music minister at Bethel Temple in Turlock. He is engaged in a full program of activity.

LILLIE BUFFUM was a guest at the 40th Anniversary of the Kansas District when she returned to celebrate with them. She and her husband, the late Herbert Buffum, organized the first Pentecostal Camp Meeting in that state 45 years ago.

WALTER TRUMBO has been in the mid-west and south holding meet-ings.

EVANGELIST T. E. and ANN SANDRY have been conducting meet-ings in Great Britain.

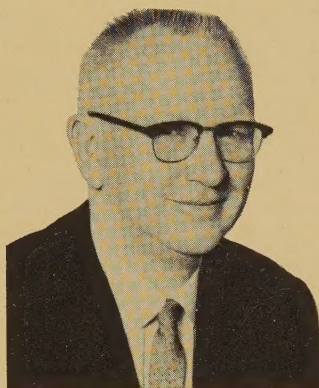
REV. and MRS. JOHN EBR-HARDT announce the birth of Ruth Ann, Nov. 27. Due to a heart condi-tion the child lived less than a day and was buried in the Alturas Ceme-tery. C. C. Catledge officiating.

FRANCIS and INEZ STURGEON are in evangelistic services in Aus-tralia for the next several months. In December they were speakers for the Australia-wide camp meeting at Mel-bourne.

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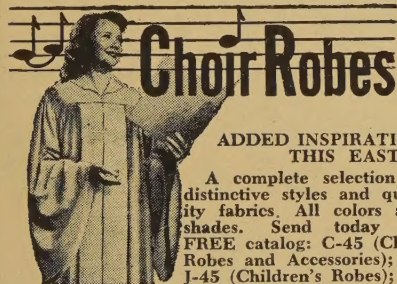
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Then there are books, religious periodicals, entertainment of guests in the home, etc. Also there are financial demands made upon him from the District and from our General Council. There is a lot of giving that he does because of his big heart — which makes him the good pastor that he is.

2. *He is expected to attend organizational conventions and conferences.* As the church to whom he ministers you may be able to help with his expenses. For instance, he should attend the District Council in Sacramento the last week in February. Then comes the Regional Sunday School Convention in Stockton the last week in April. Later on in the year comes Camp Meeting, CA Convention, General Council in San Antonio, Texas. He is needed at these conventions to represent you, the faithful members of the local church, who make up the laymen of this great God-given movement.

Not only does he represent you, but he will find stimulating inspiration and information at these meetings which will enable him to minister to your needs better. Do what you can to encourage him to attend them all. He will bring the blessing home to you.

3. *Vacation and time off.* Most pastors seem to be expected, by some who may not be too considerate, to be on the job 24 hours a day for 7 days a week. It may be that you can work out a system that will allow him and his family to have at least one whole day off each week.

Also an occasional few days off for a "rest" (and Jesus Himself had to do this) will do him much good and help him to minister better. Three or four weeks off for a regular vacation each year will also go far to prevent an early "breakdown" under the weight of his many responsibilities.

4. *Pray for him daily and support him in every way that you can.* These few suggestions should do much to help your pastor in his ministry to you and to your assembly. God bless each of you is my prayer. May He give you good sound wisdom and judgment along with an understanding heart. Again I say, it is with much

MISSIONARIES ABROAD

AFRICA —

Herbert and Esther Griffin, Congo Belge, are encouraged with two new couples soon to begin outstation work and another couple entering Bible School. The Griffins have been supplying at Gombari in the absence of the Friesens on furlough.

CENTRAL AFRICA —

Paul and Miriam Wright, Limbe, Nyasaland report ground has been leveled for the print shop. Trenches have been dug for the foundation when the final approval comes through. There has been a large growth in the work. Also an increase in converts, Sunday School attendance and at the church services as well as in the number of Sunday Schools. Six new churches have been added. They feel the time is short in which to work there and the political situation is tense.

CENTRAL AMERICA —

Norman and Mary Ann Campbell, San Jose, Costa Rica are looking forward to ministering in Columbia which is now opening to missionaries and having only one Assembly couple. The new president is sympathetic to

ward the evangelicals.

CENTRAL AMERICA —

Paul and Ileen Cooper, San Pedro, Honfuras returned July 13 in their G.M.C. Suburban. Three were saved in each of their first two services. Property is being investigated. Additional funds are needed for the new church building.

INDIA —

John and Eunice Wright, Southern Asia Bible Institute announce the arrival of Mark Elwyn Nov. 29. A new district has been organized in the state of Mysore. There are many open doors and expansion needs to be increased through outside help. Students from the school are conducting five new Sunday Schools and reaching about 500 nationals each week.

SOUTH AMERICA —

Elsie Isensee, Lima, Peru is teaching in the Bible School. There are sixty students. A large auditorium is needed as the carpentry shop usually used for gatherings is being occupied as a dormitory. The cost for this project is \$2,000. The Isensee children

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thanksgiving to God for you and for the Fellowship that I write this letter. May you and your pastor and your assembly be strengthened and blessed abundantly and may you enjoy many fruitful and profitable services and activities together this year.

Yours in His Service,

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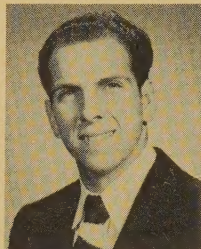
Evangelist Sam Klein has had a well received ministry in the District for the last year. Revival has been evident wherever he has preached. In Paso Robles God especially blessed with a true spiritual revival and results in salvation and healings. One year ago Brother Klein transferred into the Assemblies of God and is in good standing. You may contact Evangelist Klein at 2501 45th Ave., Sacramento, California.

OREN PARIS

A new evangelist in the District is Oren Paris, a young man with talent and the blessing of the Lord. Brother Paris is a composer-musician with



several songs already published. He is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College with a bachelor of music degree, as well as a graduate of Southwestern Bible Institute. God has blessed in the ministry of Evangelist Paris for he is an able preacher of the Word. To contact him write Box 13352, Fort Worth, Texas.



DICK TATHAM

Evangelist Dick Tatham is a minister of this District who has been working for several years in Oregon and Idaho. God has blessed in his meetings especially by filling believers with the Holy Spirit. Seekers tarrying before God at the altar have marked his ministry. Evangelist Tatham is interested in ministering to the churches who ordinarily cannot assume the responsibility of an evangelist. You may reach this evangelist by writing to Richard Tatham, 5235 E. White, Fresno, California.

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ANDERSON —

Brother George Anderson who is returning to Ghana in the near future will be itinerating in the Contra Costa and East Bay Sections in February.

ANDERSON —

Our prayers and best wishes go with the Wheeler Andersons as they leave for Africa. They will be taking over the work of the Harold Lehmanns as they come home for furlough.

BELLMORE —

The James Bellmores, newly appointed missionaries to Africa, have taken up residence in Pacific Mission Villa. Brother Bellmore will be itinerating in the Shasta and Lassen-Plumas Sections in February.

ERICKSON —

Word has reached us that the Walter Ericksons expect to arrive home within the next few weeks.

FELTON —

Brother and Sister H. B. Felton are eagerly looking forward to returning to South America in February. They will be locating in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and will be working with Ruth Couchman and Pansy Blossom.

KAUFMAN —

Brother Riley Kaufman will be studying the Mandarin language at Yale University for the next several months in order to more efficiently broadcast the Gospel from the station in Okinawa.

SONDENO —

Brother and Sister Fredolf Sondeno are spending some time in Florida and will not be available for services in the District until after March 30.

MISSIONARIES ABROAD —

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are fine although it was only a year ago they were told Margie could not live.

SOUTH AMERICA —

Bernard and Antonette Johnson, Minas, Brazil write of a tour through the state of Sao Paulo. They were well received and there were healings. Sister Johnson will bring the two boys home for school this spring and will be open for meetings at that time.

SOUTH AMERICA —

John and Doris Lemos, Sao, Paulo, Brazil have been founding a Bible School at the capital. Courses have been translated into the Portuguese. Beds are ready but mattresses are still lacking. Some students are already enrolled for January. Meetings are being held for deaf mutes in the home.

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